

REMARKS

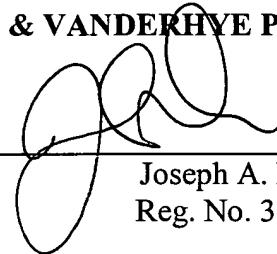
This is responsive to the Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment dated May 17, 2005. *The purpose of this 312 Amendment is to correct an apparent typographical error in claim 17 in the Examiner's Amendment dated May 17, 2005.* This Rule 312 amendment amends the claims from their form following the Examiner's Amendment dated May 17, 2005.

In the Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner made claim 17 dependent on claim 12 which has been canceled. It is improper for a claim to be dependent on a canceled claim. Also, this change was not authorized by the applicant. Thus, the instant Rule 312 Amendment is simply for the purpose of correcting the dependency of claim 17.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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